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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of April, 1990)

According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest report, the number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters decreased during April. There were repeated reports from several contractors that crews were idled because of unusually heavy rain for the second consecutive month in the central U.S.. The land crew total decreased by six to 101, and the marine crew increased by three for a total of 125 crews and vessels.

The April total (125) represents a decrease of 2% from last month, a 5% decrease from April, 1989, a 57% decrease from April, 1988, an 31% decrease from April, 1987, a 64% decrease from April, 1986, a 206% decrease from April, 1985, and **a decrease of 278% from the same month in 1984.**

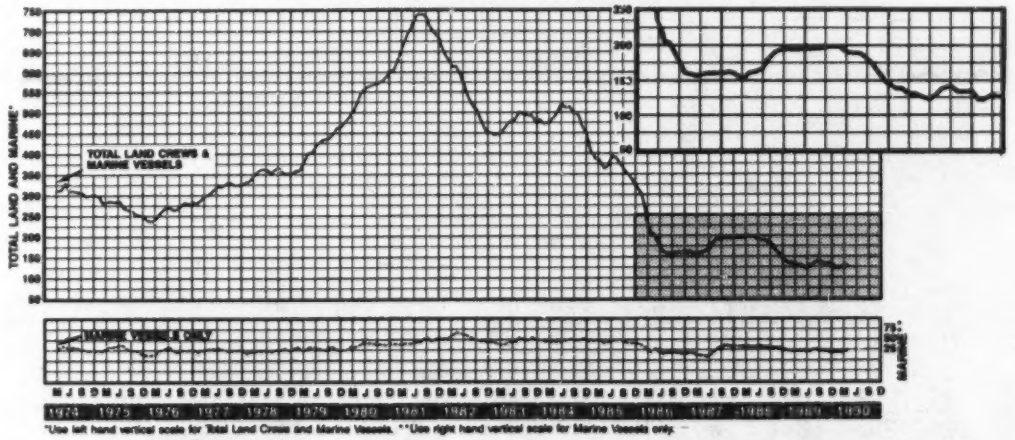
During April, two contractors were operating two of the 93 land crews and none of the twenty-one marine vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Apr.'89	Apr.'88	Apr.'87	Apr.'86	Apr.'85	Apr.'84
	125	128	131	196	164	205	383	473

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Apr. 1989	Apr. 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1984	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Apr. 1989	Apr. 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1984
33 Contr's:	93	98	99	152	131	159	304	385	21	19	19	24	16	15	39	42
4 Oil Co's:	8	9	10	15	14	26	32	38	2	2	3	4	3	5	7	8
1 Gov't:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	101	107	109	167	145	185	336	423	24	21	22	29	19	20	47	50

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)


TOTAL LAND CREWS & MARINE VESSELS
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*Use left hand vertical scale for Total Land Crews and Marine Vessels. **Use right hand vertical scale for Marine Vessels only.

*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

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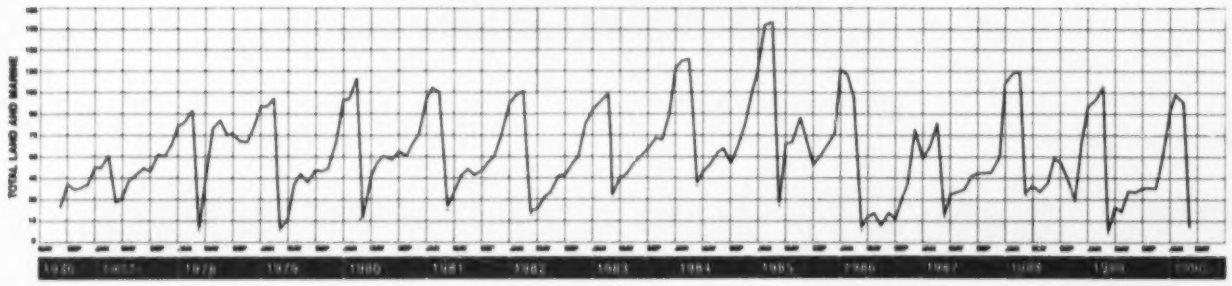
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

April, 1990 (March figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Crews
11 Contractors:	10 (97)	1 (0)
0 Oil Companies:	0 (1)	0 (0)
Totals:	10 (98)	1 (0)

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was instigated in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy.

HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES
(Seismic crews searching for oil & gas.)